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THE SCHOOL TAX RATE

Will be 46 Cents on The $100 Assessment

AND $4.00 FOR POLL TAX

The Levy Court of New Castle county at its meeting Tuesday afternoon, set the tax rate for the county districts under the new school code. This tax will be in addition to the poll tax which is set by the school commissioners.

Under the new law the districts turn over to the Levy Court their budgets showing the amount of money required to run the school during the year. The commissioners appointed by the Governor set the poll tax rate and that is why it is not uniform in the districts in this county

The Levy Court, under this new law, was compelled to set the tax rate in the several districts in order that sufficient money would be raised to meet the amount required in each district, in addition to the poll tax.

On the school code districts the taxation fixed is 46 cents on the $100 assessment and $4 poll tax. On the three special districts the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Court notify the County Tax Collectors that the following has been adopted as covering taxation for the school code and the three special districts, namely:

New Castle district, 80 cents on $100 assessment and poll tax $4.04

Newark special districts, 89 cents on $100 assessment, poll tax, $5 00.

duPont special district, 60 cents on the $100 assessment, poll tax, $3.00.

Some weeks ago the County School Commission turned over its budget to the Levy Court and set the tax at $4.00 on 8,000 poll taxables and in addition asked for the sum of $171,300. It is to meet that amount that the 46 cent tax rate for school code purposes has been levied by the Levy Court.

It has been decided by the Levy Court to allow a rebate of 8 per cent. on all school taxes, payable before August 10 of the present year. The tax collectors in the several hundreds, outside of Wilmington, will receive two per cent. commission for the collection of the school tax.

WHEAT CROP DESTROYED

The unusual rainfall of the past ten days, during which more than ten inches of rain has fallen, has had the effect of ruining what little prospect there was for wheat here. In this part of the county, known as the "wheat belt" of Delaware, it is estimated that the yield was cut down more than one-half by the attack of "rust," which caused the wheat to stubble, fall and die on the stalk. The rain of the past ten days has even cut that one-half down to such an extent that there are many fields of wheat that will never be threshed.

On very few of the farms were the farmers able to shock the wheat properly, owing to the twisted condition of the straw. Now every shock is growing, and in some fields they resemble piles of green grass. When the cap sheaves are lifted off a cloud of steam comes from the shocks, showing that the wheat is rotting, and will be unfit for threshing. The straw will also be unfit for use, and what is threshed will be dangerous for use on account of the danger of straw poison to the stock.

The corn fields are a sea of mud, and the ground is so soft around the stalks that the corn is barely standing, and the farmers are fearful of a windstorm coming, and blowing the corn to the ground. The early plantings of sugar corn were looking fairly good before the rain began, but it is the opinion of many of the farmers that it will never make a crop.

The same condition applies to the tomato crop here, and if the sun should come out hot, when the rain finally ceases to fall, a blight of the entire crop will be the inevitable result.

STATE AND PENINSULA

Sussex county almshouse is being equipped with electric lights.

Wilmington police, because of the lessening of work, contend that an eight-hour day can now be put into effect.

Delaware Bay fishermen within the past three days have been having much better luck than at the opening of the season.

Rev. A. P. Prettyman's stable, at Galena, was entered one night last week by thieves, who stole a fine calf that was ready to be shipped to the market.

Members of the Delaware Legislature are planning to hold a reunion at Oak Orchard, Sussex county, sometime next month. The plans, however, have not been completed.

Hebron Camp will begin on August 2, and close about August 18, and music will be a special feature with a large trained choir. Rev. J. C. B. Hopkins will be in charge.

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DESTROYS OVER 500 RATS

Serick F. Shallcross, of Odessa, Delaware's modern rival of the Pied Piper of Hamelin, added new laurels to his fame as a destroyer of rats in his campaign against the rodents on the farm of Henry P. Scott, near Reybold. In a five-day drive on the Scott farm, Shallcross, with his band of trained ferrets and terriers, accounted for over 500 rats.

Shallcross, who during his career has exterminated more than 250,000 rats, by actual count, does his work entirely with his trained animal assistants. The ferrets go through all the holes and nests occupied by the rats and drive them scurrying to the surface, where they are pounced upon by the dogs lying in wait. With a few sharp shakes the dogs kill the r dents with ease. The ferrets also account for a satisfying number, being able to cope with rats twice their size.

The Scott farm, which boasts of hundreds of white Wyandottes and other fine poultry, was troubled by a plague of rats which made a custom of killing and feasting off the chickens. The silos where the feed is kept for the thoroughbred cattle on the farm were also constantly ravaged.

On the first day of the visit of Shallcross and his exterminators, 130 rats were killed in a whirlwind campaign. This total was nearly equalled in the daily average of the succeeding four days of the hunt and the farm is now almost entirely cleared of vermin. When the panic which has sp ead among the rat tribe in the vicinity has somewhat quieted down, Shallcross will pay another visit to the farm and clear out any strays who may have survived the vigorous hunt.

It was an interesting sight during the work to witness how the dogs spread out to watch for the retreating rats. The trained canines knew the difference between the ferrets and the rats and as the rodents tried to escape from the ferrets they would be pounced upon by a waiting dog. Although the work on the Scott farm was unusually good, Shallcross stated that at times the average kill is much higher.

CRABS FOOD FOR PORKERS

Nature is helping the producer grow food at a minimum cost for the laboring masses in Delaware. High in nutritive value and also appealing to the tastes of working men in this State is hog meat, and as the price of beef has been almost prohibitive, at every laborer's home, and especially farm houses, one will find large pens filled with swine. But as the price of corn has soared beyond all expectations, making the chief food for pigs out of reach of the ordinary purse, and which is fed by the farmer would make it impossible to produce pork meat at a price that many in this section could afford to pay. But just as corn began to bring unheard-of prices nature came with aid. This year from Kitts Hammocks to Broadklin Beach, the shore has been lined with king crabs, and the producers have found that in the live state these crabs have made a par excellent food for hogs, and after every high tide wagon loads are being carted from the shores to the pens, thus enabling those raising hogs to feed them nourishing food without incurring any great expense; and if no unforseen contagious disease attacks the herds the Delaware laboring man next winter will be able to obtain his accustomed food without straining the strings of his pocket-book.

Bethesda Church Notes

Sunday, July 27th, 1919.

9.30 A. M. The Brotherhood meeting will be in charge of Brother M. D. Wilson. A cordial invitation is extended to all men to attend this meeting.

10.30 A. M. Morning worship with sermon by the Pastor.

11.45 A. M. Sunday School. Let every Officer, Teacher and scholar be in their places next Sunday.

7.30 P. M. Evening worship with sermon by the Pastor. Come and take part in the early song service. Not long enough to tire but long enough for you to take part and enjoy it.

We are sorry that the rainy weather made it necessary to postpone the Sunday School picnic. Announcement will be made on Sunday regerding plans for the picnic.

A cordial welcome awaits all who attended our services. During the warm summer weather our services will be made short and as profitable and interesting as possible

Forest Church Notes

Sunday, July 27th, 1919.

10.30 A. M. Public worship with sermon.

11.45 A. M. Sunday School session

6.45 P. M. Christian Endeavor service. Topic: "How Do Men Confess Christ and How Deny Him," Rom. 10:9; Luke 22:25-61.

7.30 P. M. Evening service, closing at 8 P. M.

Wednesday evening, prayer meeting at 8 o'clock.

Sunday, August 3d, will be the last Sunday on which church services will be held until the Pastor's return from his vacation.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Many Condensed News Items of the Past Week

IN THIS AND NEARBY POINTS

Owing to rain last Saturday no local base ball games were played.

About sixteen men of the Quartermaster Department, stationed at Fort duPont and Fort Mott, were discharged Monday.

The plum crop is the largest for years, and as there is little demand for the fruit, bushels are going to waste on many farms.

By the return of several of Dover's soldiers from overseas, who were members of the Dover Band, which had been depleted by their absence, a reorganization of the band has taken place.

Harry C. Clark's contract for repairing and rebuilding the barracks at Fort duPont, which were partially destroyed by fire, has been greatly enlarged by the damage done to the plastering, metal ceilings and floors by water.

It is simply impossible to estimate the damage done to crops in New Castle County by the almost continuous rains of the past two weeks. Wheat in the shock has sprouted, and we are informed by many farmers will be almost a total loss. Oat fields are flattened, and many will not recover.

A few years ago Henry Cole, a farmer, near Townsend, set out a large orchard of apple trees. This month they are picking apples on his farm that are selling from $2.50 to $3.00 a hamper with a heavy demand for all that can be supplied. Most of the fruit is of the Yellow Transparant which is in heavy demand for apple pies.

If your neighbor is prosperous, let him prosper. Don't grunt, growl or grumble. Say a good word for him and let go at that. Don't be a knocker. Your turn will come. No one man is the whole show. If you see that the town is moving along nicely, feel good about it. Help things along, shove a little. Try to get some of the benefit yourself.

Delaware's annual State Fair will be held on September 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, on the new grounds near Elsmere. This year's fair will mark the twentieth anniversary of the organization. Beginning with a small picnic held at Brandywine Springs, the fair has now attained a place among the leading ones of the East, and is classed in the same rank with the famous fairs at Trenton and Brockton, Mass.

Select Seed Potatoes Harvest Time

The custom of using as seed potatoes those left from the previous season's crop, after having disposed of the best, must be discontinued if the present quality and yield of the crop is to be materially improved, say specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. The grower can not expect to get maximum yields from inferior seed stock any more than the dairyman can expect to get maximum milk yields from scrub cows. The best time to select seed potatoes, according to the specialists, is in the fall when the crop is being harvested. Then the yield of the individual plant and the quality of the tubers can be considered.

Good seed is pure in respect to the variety; is produced by healthy, vigorous, heavy-yielding plants grown under favorable climatic conditions; is somewhat immature; reasonably uniform in size and shape; firm and sound. The first sprouts should begin to develop at planting time.

OBITUARY

WARNER B. GEORGE

Warner B. George, the four year old son of Rev. and Mrs. John P. George, of Warwick, Md., died at the home of his parents early Friday morning. Death was caused from an attack of acute indigestion.

The remains will be taken to Saulsbury, Md., to-day and interment will be made there to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon.

MRS. R. R. SHULL

A letter was received at Camp Caesar Rodney telling of the death of Mrs. R. R. Shull, Greensboro, Maryland, wife of the famous old Scoutmaster Uncle Dick, known to most all the Delaware scouts, and who has been in all of the Wilmington Council Camps since Scout Executive Greenhawk has been in the field In honor of Mr. Shull the entire camp was called to attention promptly at two o'clock while the camp bugler Paul Milliken played taps, the Scouts held attention for thirty seconds in response to a request from Uncle Dick.

Smyrna Firemen's Carnival

The next big attraction in Smyrna will be the Firemen's Carnival which will be held on the school grounds, August 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30. The executive committee appointed by the Citizen's Hose Company to arrange for and direct the Carnival are: John C. Mannering, George W. Gunning and Harry Jones. They have secured the famous Harlan Band, of Wilmington, to be there for the occasion and are now looking up a "free attraction" to be an opening thriller for each night of the Carnival.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28TH, 1919.—Public Sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by Cora V. Bishop, administratrix of the late Edgar F. Bishop, on "Fair Oaks Farm" on the road from Warwick to Cecilton, Md. Eugene Racine, auct.

TO BE SCHOOL CENTER

Five school districts within a radius of six miles will doubtless join very soon in a project to erect a building in Middletown to cost from $100,000 to $125,000, which will be used as a consolidated school for elementary, grammar and high school grades. The project is greatly stimulated because the consolidated district may reasonable expect to have one-half of the cost of this school borne by the trust fund created by Pierre S. duPont.

While no definite action in the way of a vote was taken by the County School Board on this project at its meeting in Middletown last Saturday night, the undertaking is looked upon with such general favor that there seems to be no doubt about it going ahead.

The meeting Saturday night followed an inspection made of the five school districts in the afternoon by the county commissioners. The inspection was made in spite of the downpour of rain through the greater part of the afternoon. The five districts visited, all of which would be affected by the consolidation include: Woodlawn, Eight Squares, Mt. Pleasant, Jamison's Corner and Mill Lane. All three commissioners, George L. Medill, of Newark, the president; Eugene Shallcross, of Middletown vice-president, and William Danzenbaker, of Claymont, were in the inspection party in the afternoon and they all attended the evening meeting.

In addition to the commissioners others present at the gathering Saturday night included the members of the Middletown Board of Education, the trustees of each of the five districts which would be affected by the consolidation, and W. H. Jump, county superintendent of schools.

The meeting was entirely harmonious the trustees of the five districts showing that they favored the consolidation and were willing to co-operate to the utmost in bringing about the success of the project.

Various sites were considered upon which the consolidated school might be erected, but the most logical one, it was thought, and the site which it is believed will be finally selected is to the north of Middletown, on a plot of ground adjoining the New Century Club building.

Long—Pearce Wedding

Mr. William F. Long, of Selbyville, and Miss Martha Pearce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pearce, of near town, will be married before a large number of relatives and friends this (Saturday) afternoon, at three o'clock. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Van P. Northrup, at the home of the bride-elect.

The couple will be attended by Miss Leilah E. Pearce, and Mr. Francis H. Fillingame, of Chesapeake City, Md.

The bride will be attired in a white georgette dress, with hat to match, and will carry a bouquet of white sweet peas and fern, while her attendant will wear a light blue georgette dress with hat to match and carry a bouquet of sweet peas.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Long will leave for a trip to Ocean City, Md., and upon their return will reside in Easton.

Yearsley—Stant Wedding

Mr. Merritt W. Yearsley, of Delaware City, and Miss Virgil W. Stant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stant, of Townsend, were quietly married last Thursday afternoon, by Rev. George L. Wolfe, of Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Yearsley will make Wilmington their future home.

Scholarships Offered at Delaware

Two scholarships of $100 each will be open this fall to students entering Delaware College. One is offered by the Princeton Club for the first time. The other is supported by the Harvard, Yale and Princeton Clubs and has been held for four years in succession by Robert Sumwalt, of Lewis, who is now taking an engineering course in Boston Institute of Technology.

Any graduate of a four year high school and a resident of the State is eligible.

Candidates should send to President S. C. Mitchell, previous to September 1, an application including the academic record and any other information that may be of value to the committee in awarding the prizes. Applicants may choose any course leading to graduation, engineering, agriculture, or arts and science.

Record Apple and Peach Crops

According to reports from apple and peach orchards on the eastern shore and in western Maryland, the fruit crops in Maryland this year will break the record. Senator Orlando Harrison, of Worcester county, the largest fruit grower in the State, said: "The peach crop on the eastern shore orchards is even more promising than it was two weeks ago. The prospects are to-day that we will have at least 250 cars of first grade peaches. Maryland growers of fruits, berries, cantaloupes, watermelons and vegetables, including tomatoes, will reap larger money returns this year than for many years. Most of this is shipped to Philadelphia.

FRIENDS & VISITORS

Personal Items About People You See and Know

THOSE THAT COME AND GO

Mrs. E. G. Allee entertained on Monday Mrs. Noah Adkins, of Potomac, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Crossland are spending sometime at Atlantic City, N. J.

Mr. S. M. Rosenberg, of New York City spent a few days this week in town.

Rev. and Mrs. P. L. Donaghay and children have returned home from a stay at Rehoboth.

Mrs. Curtis Millman and children, of Woodside, have been visiting her mother Mrs. Rosa Weber.

Miss Mary Hutchin, of Camp Meade, Md., was the guest of friends in town over the week-end.

Mr. William McCleary and family, of Wilmington, are visiting Mr. Fred Bloome and daughter.

Mrs. W. K. Betts entertained recently her sister Miss Louise Counselman, of Collingswood, N. J.

Mrs. E. A. Truitt returned home from Delaware Hospital, last Sunday much improved in health.

Mrs. E. E. Shallenberger, of Wilmington, has been entertained this week by Mrs. V. P. Northrup.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian H. Foard and daughter Helen, were at Cape May, N. J., over last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Louise McColligan and granddaughter Alice Jolls have been visiting Mrs. William Carey at Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. James R. Crouch has returned home from from a visit with her daughter Mrs. Harry Spicer in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kern, of Philadelphia, spent the week-end with her sister Mr and Mrs. William Brockson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Price and children of Primos, Pa., were entertained over the week-end by Mrs. Joseph R. Heldmyer.

Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Vaughan and son Henry, will leave today for Asbury Park, N. J., where they will spend two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cullen and Mr. and Mrs Bradford Shawn, of Wilmington, visited Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Fouracre Sunday.

Mrs. George W. Stephens, of Philadelphia, and Miss Bessie Morton, of Ridley Park, Pa,, have been visiting Miss Ada Lockwood this week.

Lieut. George I. Lockwood has just returned from service in France and spent a few days this week with his mother Mrs. George W. Lockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dempsey and daughter Miss Pauline, and Miss Louise Echenhofer, of Wilmington, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Echenhofer this week.

Dr. and Mrs. W. S. P. Combs and sons will leave next week for Colonial Beach, Va., where they will spend two weeks. Dr. Combs' office will be closed during his absence.

Miss Mary Lewis spent Tuesday in Philadelphia with her father Mr. S. E. Lewis who is at the Northwestern General Hospital. Mr. Lewis expects to return home the first of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Whitlock had for Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs Enrique Montes de Oca and little daughter of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. Evans and son, of Trainer, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Theodore V. Whitlock, Jr., and daughter and Mr. Bruce Whitlock, of Wilmington.

More Potatoes Planted

Potatoes are scarce and high in this vicinity, though down the Peninsula in the Virginia section particularly, big crops are being harvested with better prices realized than for many years. One farmer is said to have cleaned up $12,000 from his crop. Down around Milford, growers of potatoes for winter are planting more than four times their regular acreage. Many of them did not get very much from the early crop which was damaged by dry weather. Some large growers alr ady have been offered good prices by speculators for their winter potatoes, but none of the offers have been accepted.

Agricultural Committee Named

In compliance with a resolution which was adopted by the State Bankers' Association at Newark on May 1, 1919, John S. Russell, president of the association, has appointed the following Agricultural Committee for this county:

Daniel W. Corbit, president, New Castle County National Bank, Odessa; Horace L. Dilworth, director, Security Trust and Safe Deposit Company, Wilmington, R. F. D.; J. C. Truitt, treasurer, Farmers' Trust Company, Newark.

I am contemplating putting my tenant house in complete repair and would like from some reliable parties, at least a rough estimate of the probable cost of same. Apply to

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Middletown,
Delaware.

TOWNSEND

Mary Schwatka is visiting Wilmington relatives.

W. Hart Scott is on a business trip in North Carolina for two weeks.

Mr. Jacob C. Crowding, of Still Pond, visited relatives here on Friday.

Miss Hazel Burris, of Porter, is the guest of Mrs. Anna Richardson.

Maud Bramble has returned home from a visit with Wilmington relatives.

Gladys and Frances Alfrey, of New Castle, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alfrey.

Etta Skaggs returned home Saturday after a pleasant visit with relatives in Pennsylvania.

Lewis and Edward Graves, of Lewes, visited town on Monday and purchased an automobile from W. H. Reynolds.

G. Lloyd Knotts, wife and daughter Elizabeth, of Gibbstown, visited his mother Mrs. Clara Knotts Saturday and Suncay.

William Wright, Jr., and wife, of Atlantic City, spent the week-end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. William Wright.

Miss Irene Hardister, who has been spending sometime with her mother, Mrs. Morris Collins, has accepted a position at Rahway, N. J.

Mr. Basil Sampson, who has been spending a few days with his aunt, Mrs. Morris Collins, has returned to his home, near Aberdeen, Md.

Ralph Christy, Elizabeth Richardson and Mrs. Ruth Harris, of Chester, returned home Sunday after a pleasant visit with Mrs. Anna Richardson.

Rev. and Mrs. Webster entertained their daughter Helen Webster, and Mr. and Mrs. Jones and Miss Jones, of Wilmington, on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Ernest Herdman, who has just returned from overseas and Miss Christine Stant visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. George Stant over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter K. Treleaven are spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Collins, of Fieldsboro. They expect to start for New York State next Monday, where they will make their future home.

ODESSA

Miss Mary Webb is visiting relatives in Wilmington this week.

Mr. Mailey Davis, of Wilmington, has been visiting Mrs. M. R. Davis.

Mrs. Charles Duhamel and daughter are visiting relatives in Chester, Pa.

Mr. Franz Minen, of Altoona, Pa., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Webb.

Mr. Joseph Roberts, of Virginia, has been visiting Sergeant Robert Heller.

Miss Georgia Enos, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. J. H. Enos.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Yearsley, of Port Penn, visited Mrs. William Heller last week.

Mrs. Walter Gremminger and children, of Chester, are visiting Mrs. William Phillips.

Mrs. Paul Decker and children, of Wilmington, are spending this week with Mrs. J. K. Orrell.

Mrs. Elva Gross and children, of Frederica, are spending this week with her father Mr. William Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lightcap, of Wilmington, were guests of Mr. Isaac Lightcap and family on Sunday last.

It is proposed to observe the Communion service in the Drawyers Presbyterian Church Sunday morning next, at half past ten o'clock. The first bell at 10 o'clock and the second at 10.30. All are cordially invited.

WARWICK

Miss Bessie Thornton is entertaining Miss Husfelt, of Earleville.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Lane entertained friends from Philadelphia over Sunday.

Mrs. S. H. Duryea spent last week with her daughter Mrs. S. H. Buckworth, in Middletown

Mr. Clarence Cohee and friend, of Camden, are visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cohee.

Mrs. V. L. Vinyard entertained Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Merritt and daughters, of Wilmington, on Sunday.

Mr. R. B. Merritt, Jr., and Miss Agnes Merritt are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dulaney in Baltimore.

Mrs. Mary Lofland and daughter Mrs. D. S. Cannon have returned home after visiting Philadelphia relatives.

Mrs. and Mrs. Guy Johnson, of Chesapeake City, spent a few days with her mother Mrs. V. L. Vinyard.

The festival held by the ladies of the town was a very good success in spite of the bad weather. Thirty-two dollars being cleared.

Mrs. R. B. Merritt returned home on Tuesday from Kennett Square. She was accompanied home by her daughter Mrs. F. Bernard, Jr., and son Merritt.

Mr. Frank Blackburn and daughter Miss Clara returned home on Monday last after spending several weeks with relatives and friends in and near town.

THE OPEN CONTESTS

Boys and Girls of Delaware Interested in Agriculture

APPLY TO T. T. MARTIN

The following contests are open to boys and girls of Delaware between the ages of 10 and 21 years, who are working on the farm and home projects in which they are entered at the State Fair under the direction of the extension department of Delaware College, and the County Farm Bureaus in co-operation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. All entries shall be made with Theodore T. Martin, State club leader, Delaware College, Newark, Delaware.

Pig club contests:

Pure bred pig club exhibit, prizes in each county, 3 to 7 months old, $5, $2; State sweepstakes, $10.

Grade pig club exhibit, prizes in each county, 3 to 7 months old, $5, $2; State sweepstakes, $10.

Sow and two of her produce, one contest for State, $2, $1.

Pig club judging contest, one contest for State, $5, $4, $3, $2.

Best home-made self-feeder, one contest for State, $2, $1.

Corn club contests; six stalks of corn with ears:

Corn club exhibit, prizes in each county, $5, $2; State sweepstakes, $10.

Poultry club contests:

Best pen of four laying hens, prizes in each county, $3, $2; State sweepstakes, $5.

Best pen, four pullets and cockerel, prizes in each county, $3, $2; State sweepstakes, $5.

Poultry club judging contest, one contest for State, $5, $4, $3, $2.

Poultry club egg exhitit, one dozen eggs, one contest for State, $1, 75 cents. 50 cents.

Best home-made self-feeder, one contest for State, $1, 50 cents.

Pure bred dairy cattle club contests:

Holstein-Friesian calves (6 to 12 months), State contest, $12, $8, $6, $4.

Guernsey calves, (6 to 12 months), State contest, $12, $8, $6, $4; (prizes offered by Delaware Guernsey breeders.)

Dairy heifer exhibit, (12 to 30 month), State contest, $15. $11, $7, $5.

Dairy club judging contest, one contest for State, $5, $4, $3, $2.

Canning club contests:

Canning club exhibit, one contest for State, (for best quart in each of 20 kinds of fruits, vegetables, meats and soups), 40 cents, 30 cents, 25 cents.

Canning club demonstration, one team of three members from each county, $9, $6, $3.

Sewing club exhibits, one contest for State, (best four samples of sewing club lessons), $3, $2, $1, 50 cents.

Baking club contests:

Baking club exhibit, one contest for State, (for best loaf of yeast bread), $2, $1, 75 cents, 50 cents.

Baking club judging contest, one contest for State, $5, $4, $3, $2.

SALE OF PURE-BREDS

The Delaware Holstein Friesian Association co-operating with the county farm bureaus will hold a consignment sale of twenty-five head of pure-bred Holstein bull calves at Middletown at 1.30 Tuesday, July 29.

This sale will be held in conjunction with the project which the state breeders associations and county farm bureaus have been promoting, the slogan of which is "A pure-bred bull on every farm."

These bull calves are being consigned by the best breeders in the State, and it will be a unique opportunity for the farmers of Delaware to secure herd sires.

The committee in charge has stipulated that there will be some bulls consigned, the breeding of which, will justify their going at the head of the highly bred pure-breds, while other bulls consigned will be suitable to head grade herds.

This is the first sale of its kind ever held in Delaware and every farmer who has a grade bull or desires a better pure-bred should consider it a duty to attend this sale.

Base Ball Notes

This (Saturday) afternoon, at 3.30 o'clock the local ball team will have as its opponent the strong Grace Church team, of Wilmington. This team has played the home team on several occasions, and always plays good ball.

MILFORD ON TUESDAY

On Tuesday the Middletown team will play the Caulk Club at Milford.

FORT DUPONT ON WEDNESDAY

The home team will play the first game of a series with the Fort duPont club on the local diamond. This is an exceptionally strong aggregation of ball players and a good game is assured. They will be accompanied by the Fort duPont band.

Tendered Variety Shower

The Queen Esther Circle tendered one of its members Miss Martha Pearce, a variety shower, last Friday evening, at her home near town, in honor of her marriage this (Saturday) afternoon to Mr. William F. Long. A large number of guests were present and Miss Pearce was the recepient of many beautiful and useful gifts.

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ELOQUENCE WASTED

NATIONAL debate on the League of Nations and the part for the United States to play therein is bringing forth all manner of arguments. One of these is the man of straw which the advocates of the unchanged covenant have set up and are engaged in attacking fiercely. It is the "splendid isolation" argument and is being very extensively used. It is assumed by these propagandists that every one who is not for the League as it was framed at Paris, without reservation or explanatory declaration of any kind, is an advocate of the isolation of the United States and a refusal to take any part in the world's affairs.

It is assumed that the United States will refuse to aid oppressed people unless we are bound by contract so to do; that we will refuse to co-operate with other nations in maintaining world peace and arbitrating disputes unless we now pledge our word to that effect. It is based on the theory that international morality comes only from formal obligation.

America was not bound by contract to go to the aid of Cuba. But she did so. America was not bound by contract to go to the aid of the Allies. But she did so. There has been no "splendid isolation" on our part when the call was strong and right. America can be counted upon. She has proven this fact beyond shadow of doubt. Whether we adopt the League of Nations covenant, or whether we do not, we will always be within call. National isolation is no element in this case. The argument that it is, is not only fallacious, but a slur upon the United States, her record, and her spirit.

Fear Radium Shortage.

A shortage of radium was recently forecast by Dr. Blanchard B. Moore of the United States bureau of mines. "It is difficult to estimate the amount of radium in existence at present," said Doctor Moore. "Six years ago the engineers of the bureau of mines estimated that at the current rate of production the deposits might last, commercially, 10 or 12 years."

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Why Diamonds Burst.

That diamonds burst is an old idea which has been variously explained. It has been thought that the stones have been fractured by violent eruptions in the inclosing rocks, by sudden removal of pressure around them, or in the smoky specimens by spontaneous breaking up. Dr. J. R. Sutton concludes that the breaking usually results from the minerals inclosed. These may be garnet, zircon, ilmenite or iron pyrites, and such crystals, under ordinary heating at least, have so much greater expansion than the diamond that they would exert great pressure.

Squirrels and Their Nests.

The gray squirrel makes a nest of leaves. He is more or less busily engaged in leaf construction during the entire year, writes Dr. Edward F. Bigelow in Boys' Life. Even in the summer he cuts off the green leaves and skillfully packs them among the branches or in the fork of a tree, so that they shed the rain and roof a cavity big enough to shelter two or three squirrels. Until within a few years I supposed that these leafy homes were for rearing the young only, but in a small grove near my own home I find a number of leaf nests occupied by the squirrels at various times. . . . I recall vividly the bending down of a white birch tree that contained a leaf nest, and having four young gray squirrels drop out of it as the nest fell to pieces. I still feel a keen regret for having destroyed a squirrel home, but I am glad to add that, when I placed the young in the nest, reconstructed on the ground to the best of my ability, the mother squirrel came and carried them to a hollow tree, as a cat will carry a kitten, or a mouse will carry the young, though by a somewhat different method.

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